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SUBJ: JORDANIAN MILITARY ADVISERS AND TRAINING FOR KUWAIT

REF: USDAO AMMAN 061005Z APR 78 (NOTAL)

1. OUR INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT CONTAINED REFTEL, TO THE EFFECT THAT WHILE THERE ARE NO ACTIVE DUTY JORDANIAN ARMY PERSONNEL SERVING AS ADVISERS IN KUWAIT NOW, THE KUWAITIES EXPECT TO RECEIVE A GROUP OF JORDANIAN ADVISERS SOON, PURSUANT TO A GOK REQUEST MADE IN 1977. REPORTEDLY, THE JORDANIANS WILL BE INVOLVED IN TRAINING CONSCRIPTS, WHICH THE SHORTLY-TO-BE-IMPLEMENTED MILITARY DRAFT SYSTEM WILL PRODUCE. THE KUWAIT MILITARY ACADEMY, UNDER WHICH FORMAL DOMESTIC TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED, APPARENTLY WILL ALSO BE THE FOCUS OF CONSCRIPT TRAINING. CHUSLOK HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT 22 TO 25 JORDANIANS WOULD BE COMING TO TRAIN CONSCRIPTS AND OTHERWISE SUPPORT THE TRAINING EFFORT, BUT, TO DATE, HAD NOT HEARD THAT AS MANY AS 50 (AS REPORTED REFTEL) MIGHT COME.

2. THE KUWAITIS ALSO SEEM LIKELY TO RECEIVE JORDANIAN HELP IN TRAINING PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE M-109 SP HOWITZERS WHICH  
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THEY PLAN TO PROCURE FROM THE USG. (A LETTER OF OFFER FOR 37 HOWITZERS IS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT KUWAITI ARTILLERYMEN HAVE DISCUSSED SUCH ASSISTANCE IN JORDAN SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST YEAR. IT APPEARS THAT THE KUWAITIS HAVE REQUESTED THIS TRAINING AND CURRENTLY COUNT ON IT. JORDANIAN EXPERIENCE WITH THE M-109, AND GOOD REPORTS ON IT BY JORDANIAN OFFICERS TO KUWAITI COUNTERPARTS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE

PERSISTENCE OF KUWAITI INTEREST IN THIS WEAPON DESPITE FRENCH  
EFFORTS TO SELL A SIMILAR WEAPON TO KUWAIT.  
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